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PETROLEUM PROJECTS IN BIHAR

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation three key projects related to the Petroleum sector in Bihar.

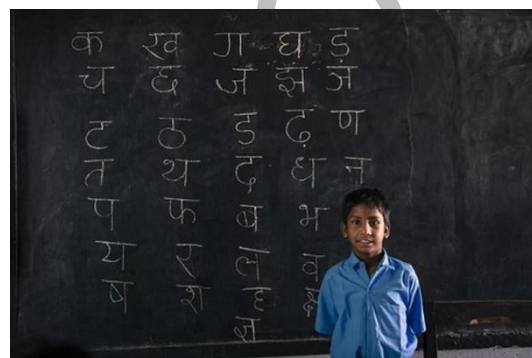


About:

The projects include the Durgapur-Banka section (about 200 km) of the Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur Pipeline Augmentation Project and two LPG Bottling Plants in Banka and Champaran.

- The line from Paradip - Haldia will now be further extended to Patna, Muzaffarpur and the pipeline coming from Kandla which has reached Gorakhpur will also be connected to it.
- These LPG plants will meet the LPG requirements of Godda, Deoghar, Dumka, Sahibganj, Pakur districts and some areas of Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- They have been commissioned by IndianOil and HPCL, PSUs under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

HINDI DIWAS



Hindi Diwas is being celebrated across the country on September 14, 2020.

About:

It was on this day in 1949 that the constituent assembly adopted Hindi written in Devanagari as the official language of the country.

- Today, Hindi is one of the widely spoken languages in the world and the first language of more than 520 million people.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS

Amid debate over “imposition of languages”, official data point to over 50% of students completing their secondary level of education with one of 12 Indian languages and senior secondary level with one of eight home languages, other than English, as the medium of instruction.

About:

- According to the National Statistical Organisation’s (NSO) latest report on education, 70% or more students whose home language is Assamese, Bengali and Gujarati completed their school education in these vernacular languages.
- However, more students whose mother tongue is Malayalam, Telugu, Manipuri, Punjabi, Urdu, Sindhi, Konkani or Nepali opted for English as the medium of instruction at least till Class X.
- In general, a significant shift towards English as medium of instruction is seen at senior secondary level- Classes XI and XII.
- The NSO survey reveals that 91.1% of students whose mother tongue is Assamese are learning in their home language at the primary level, the highest for any mother tongue at this level, followed by Odiya at 90.5%.
- At upper-primary or middle school level, 93.7% of the students whose mother tongue is Odiya are learning in their home language, followed by Assamese (89.8%), Bengali (86.5%) and Hindi (81.5%).
- The report on “Household Social Consumption: Education”, released in July, surveyed 1.13 lakh households spread across over 8,000 villages and 6,000 urban blocks between July, 2017 and June 2018.

LILO (LINE IN LINE OUT) SUBSTATION



Union Power Minister laid foundation stone for construction of LILO of Kishenganj-Darbhangha 400kV Transmission Line at Saharsa in Bihar.

About:

The execution agency for the ₹ 100 crore worth project is POWERGRID Ltd., a central PSU

under Ministry of Power.



- On completion of the Kishenganj-Darbhanga 400kV Transmission Line project, Power scenario of the Saharsa district including Supaul, Khagaria and Begusarai districts shall improve.
- Saharsa is located in extreme Northern Part of Bihar and is a flood prone area due to inflow of water from Nepal.

Important Info :

LILo (Line In Line Out) Substation?

- The substation is the part of an electrical supply system which transmits the high voltage from the generating substations to the local distribution networks.
- In LILo (Line In Line Out) Substation, a long distribution line is brought in and brought out from newly created substation as shown below. This scheme is bit expensive because of the need of an extra layout. But it is more secure.

PRADHAN MANTRI MATSYA Sampada YOJANA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM Matsya Sampada Yojana in Bihar through video conferencing.



About:

It is being launched in 21 States of the country with an investment of Rs 20,000 Crores which would be spent in the next 4-5 Years.

- The scheme provides for new infrastructure, modern equipment and access to new markets to the fish producers, along with increased opportunities for through farming as well as other means.
- This is the first time after independence, that such a major scheme has been launched in the country for the fisheries sector.
- The goal is also to double fish exports in the coming 3-4 years. This will create millions of new employment opportunities only in the fisheries sector.
- It also aims at enhancing fish production by an additional 70 lakh tonne by 2024-25.

METHANOL



Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd (RCF), a PSU under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has started its Methanol Plant at Trombay Unit, Mumbai.

About:

RCF has the capacity to produce 242 MT of Methanol per day. Till now, RCF has been importing Methanol for its internal consumption and also for trading purposes.

- With Methanol production of its own, RCF shall no longer be dependent on imports for its own requirement and will also be in a position to satisfy the needs of other Methanol dependent industries.
- **With this, RCF has entered the select list of Methanol producers in the country, providing alternate to import** and thus contributing towards Government's ambitious 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' Abhiyaan.
- Methanol is widely being used in the production of pharmaceuticals, pesticides, dyestuff etc. With very limited domestic production, the requirement was being met till now with imports.

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